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## The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Public session of the Eighth Annual meeting of the State Association was held at the State Headquarters, Wenlock Park, South Beach Road, Triplicane, Madras-5, on 19th September 1959. Smt. Lourdhammal Simon, Minister for Local Administration, Government of Madras presided. Sri. K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, welcoming the guests said, if there was one World Organisation which was working for the humanity, it was the Scout Movement. He said there were more than four lakh Scouts in India, and about 50,000 Scouts in this State.

Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, Honorary State Secretary read the extracts from the Annual Report.

Sri S. A. Govindarajan paid a tribute to the great work the Scout movement had accomplished in India under the leadership of pioneers like, Dr Annie Besant. India was a young Republic, he said, and these youngmen and women would soon join what the Prime Minister had rightly described as the great adventure of building up the country's wealth and strength. For this, their training in the Scout and Guide Movement would help them because they had received from it the "initiative and the true pioneering spirit". He wanted to stress the voluntary nature of the organisation. It had plenty of discipline but that discipline was not imposed from above and was therefore a living growth.

They must remember, Sri Govindarajan said, that they simply could not afford to be narrow-minded or exclusive.

They could no longer think in terms of one community or one State or even one country. The great achievements of science had expanded the means of communications and at the same time made the world shrink. Misfortunes in war or peace did not recognize national frontiers. Recent history has proved that trade and commerce required that both ends, receiving as well as giving ends, should be sound. Peace and prosperity were indivisible and they must always conduct themselves as members of the great family of mankind. Concluding Sri Govindarajan said: "It is here that the Scouts and Guides Movement can help us. It exists in many countries besides our own. The more it spreads and takes root, the greater chances of world peace and happiness, because the Scouts and Guides of to-day are the leaders and citizens of to-morrow.

There was an interesting demonstration of Scout and Guide activities. Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner (Scouts), South Madras, and Kumari L. Vedanayagam, District Commissioner (Guides), West Madras, were in charge.

Smt. Lourdhammal Simon, paid a tribute to the Scout Movement for inculcating the spirit of unity and service in the minds of young boys and girls.

The Minister handed over to Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, the memento presented by the 17th International Scout Conference, held at Delhi recently to the observers of our State Sri Satrasala Venkataram, State Treasurer and Sri Mohamad Nooruddin, District Commissioner (Scouts) North Madras. She also presented on the occasion the "Silver Star" award to Sri K S Seshadri, Assistant State Commissioner, (Scouts) Kumbakonam, and the "Long Service Medal" to Sri S. V. Lakshmanan, District Commissioner (Scouts), Salem.

Smt. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides), proposed a vote of thanks.

### PERSONAL LEADERSHIP

This question of personal leadership is of more importance in the Rover section than in any other section of Scouting. What the fellow of Rover age needs and wants is someone to whom he can take his own personal problems, someone with whom he can discuss his difficulties frankly and openly, someone who understands him.

## Conference of Commissioners & Secretaries

In connection with the Annual Meeting of the State Association, a Conference of Commissioners and Secretaries was held on Sunday the 20th September 1959. Sri K. Venkataswamy Naidu, State Chief Commissioner presided at the morning session and Srimathi D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides) presided at the evening session.

Srimathi D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides), welcomed the gathering. The Conference was inaugurated by Mrs. W. D. Tenney of the United States of America. Smt. M. C. Jadhav, Chief Commissioner (Guides) India, delivered the address.

The Conference discussed the following subjects:—

1. Splitting up of present districts into smaller Scout Districts.
2. Unitary Membership.
3. Bob a Job week.

Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, Honorary State Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

## The Scoutmaster gives his Best

To lead through example and encouragement—that then is, what is expected of the Scoutmaster. And how does he react to this responsibility?

He gives THOUGHT, BRAINPOWER—PRAYER. In other words, he gives HIS BEST. Stradivari, the great violin builder, is supposed to have said: “If my hands slack, I would rob God, for God cannot make Stradivarian violins without Stradivari”. So a Scoutmaster gives his best, for otherwise he would rob his boys of opportunities to grow. He considers carefully all activities of his Troop. He thinks Scouting every day, conceives ways and means of improving his Troop.

He puts forth PHYSICAL EXERTION. He hikes—he sleeps out of doors—he is physically enthusiastic with his boys and therefore he is accepted by them as one of them instead of as a “pedestaled” leader.

But first and foremost—a Scoutmaster has a burning interest in boys, in their welfare, in their future. He studies and searches out each boy’s character and habits in-order that he may so place that boy in the Troop that he will find the

congenial associates that will help him to live at his best. He guides each boy in his Scout activities. He makes every boy feel that he has his interest at heart.

### The Results

Do the results of that leadership make the effort worth while? Are there any rewards for that leadership?

There certainly are. And some of them are immediate—the friendship, respect, and trust of the boys in his Troop. Occasionally he may be discouraged—feel his efforts aren't appreciated by the boys—that the worry and the work are destined to bear little or poor fruit. But who is he to judge? Old Scoutmasters long in Scouting say that the great thrills they ever experience are to see boys, now men, who were Scouts in their Troops many years ago, serving as Scoutmasters and Assistants—to hear, indirectly or directly praise of young men who were once Scouts in their Troops—to see old Scouts succeeding in a big way in college, business or professional life—to hear a parent of an old Scout giving credit for his son's progress of today!

### The Reward of Scoutmastership

Rewards? A Scoutmaster is not seeking or expecting them—and yet he is receiving them—many of them.

He reaps the reward of health, of an added belief in his fellow men—a habit of expecting of his comrades fair play. Through association with youth he retains his youth—with all advantages of maturity! He finds in the Game of Scouting a thrilling avocation; he has fun. And as he leads, his leadership abilities are developed with initiative, resourcefulness, perseverance as their natural by-products. And what man living the principles of the Scout Law is not himself a better citizen?

If Scouting develops the individuality of the boy, it does quite as much, for the man. He gains from Scouting joy in living, a keener conception and practice of everyday religion and the satisfaction of a job well done and an incalculable service rendered.

“Who works for glory misses oft the goal;  
Who works for money coins his very soul;  
Work for the work's sake, then—and it may be  
These others shall be added unto thee.”

*(From Handbook for  
Scoutmasters B. S. A.)*

## HISTORY OF GUIDING

### (II) A "LADY CHIEF" COMES INTO THE PICTURE [BY KUMARI C. JOHN, S.O.C. (Guides)]

February 22nd was the birthday of the Founder of Scouting in 1857 and 32 years later - of Miss Olave Soames.

Stubbing Court was a Georgian house in Chesterfield where Olave St. Clair Soames was born as the youngest of a family of three. Her father Harold Soames was the manager of a large brewery business. The family kept moving to different parts of the country which gave the opportunity for little Olave to develop the love for open fields and countryside. 'A Guide is a friend to animals' was certainly true of Olave, who loved horses, dogs and doves etc. Years later she wrote in 'The Guide'. "As a child I was rather frightened of grown ups. They seemed so different somehow and did not love rabbits and doves as I did. They just called them 'Animals' and 'birds' and did not want to hold them and hug them as I did."

Olave began education with 'Freddie' a young German Governess who became the life long friend of the family. With books and lunch the children spent whole days on the moors studying their books and nature. Olave never went to School. But her education is best judged by its results. She developed a live interest in everything around her and became a unique per-

son with great stamina which enabled her in later life to stand up to overwork in all weathers, to fulfil repeated tours with never a day off for illness.

It was during this period that the tide of the Boer War in South Africa turned due to the pluck of the 43 year old Major General Baden Powell. In her Journal Queen Victoria made the following entry "Windsor Castle - 19th May 1900 - Fine Day. Telegram received from Major General Baden Powell "Happy to report Mafeking successfully relieved."

England went 'Mafeking' with mad joy. B. P. became a popular hero, of youngsters. Nearly all had a picture of Baden Powell pinned up on their coats. Olave Soames too had a button-hole of the picture of the hero of Mafeking.

When Baden Powell returned, he experimented the game of Scouting with the boys in England. The success of the 'trial Camp' on Brown-Sea Island in 1907 led to the memorable 'Crystal Palace Rally' in 1909 when the 'Girl Scouts' who marched in were transformed into 'Girl Guides'. Miss Agnes Baden Powell the

sister of the Founder carried on the 'Sister Movement' for girls stressing on the needed training to make homes comfortable and happy.

That was how matters stood when on January 3rd 1912, General Sir Robert Baden Powell started out on a world tour to see Boy Scouts overseas. A group of smartly dressed, Scouts came to bid 'Bon Voyage' to their chief. They lined up and were duly inspected by him. One boy receiving a Life Saving Medal at his hands - which attracted the attention of the co-passengers of the ship 'Arcadian'.

One of these was Mrs. Juliette Low, an American lady who had married an English man. While in England she took up the Girl Guide Scheme enthusiastically - in spite of her deafness - and was now on her way to United States to start the movement there. It was to be the beginning of the Girl Scouts of America - the Guide Home in Switzerland, known as 'Our Chalet' and the Juliette Low Memorial Fund.

Another one was Miss Olave Soames who was going to Jamacia with her father - when a mutual friend introduced the Chief to Olave; he said 'This is not the first time I have seen you'. Olave was puzzled. 'At last it turned out that the

Chief who had been writing some article in 'The Scout' on how people's character could often be determined by their manner of walking, had noted - with his habitual keen observation - a slim, upright lady, with a firm and purposeful tread !

"But did you not have a dog with you - a Spaniel ?" he asked. It was true she had her "Doogy - the Second" with her - Soon they discovered they shared many ideals. The happy voyage decided the happy marriage !

Among the guests at the celebration of their engagement was General Louis Both, the Prime Minister of South Africa, during the Boar War. He raised his glass to toast 'the lady who has captured the man we could never catch.' !

The marriage of the Scout Chief came as a blow to some of his Scouts who felt that he would not have so much time to devote to the Scout affairs. They bombarded him with indignant letters'. The chief reassured them that he would be keener than before, as his wife would help him, and so would the fine new Car - presented by the Scouts on the occasion, Scouts 'forgave' him and conferred on Lady Baden Powell the title of 'The Lady Chief'.

## Formation of 'Old Guides Guild'

Wenlock Park, the State Headquarters of the Bharat Scouts and Guides was the scene of a new kind of activity viz. the get-together ceremony of the Former Guides in the City. As many as 40 old Guides participated. The Guild was formed by a ceremony of "The Link" initiated by Kumari G. R. Samuel, the Headquarters Commissioner for Training, in which all the old Guides came forward with messages of different countries holding aloft that country's flag, and clasping hands under the Trefoil and the National Flag. The Guild was inaugurated by Smt. A. Wahabuddin Ahmed, the Joint National Organising Commissioner, India, who was the Chief Guest. Smt. Ahmed on her first official visit to Madras State. She complimented the Madras State for the first State in India to start such a Guild and wished the Guild all success and a purposeful long life.

Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner welcomed the old Guides and this was followed by a demonstration of Bulbul and Guide activities by various units in the City. Smt. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner (Guides) spoke about the necessity for forming the old Guides Guild, which while giving the old Guides an occasion to reaffirm their faith in the ideals and principles of Guiding, gives them the opportunity to encourage the present Guides and Officers of the Movement. Several of the old Guides willingly undertook to be Bulbul Aunties and hostesses for International visitors and to be examiners for different Proficiency Tests. Smt. Visalakshi Narayanaswami spoke on behalf of the old Guides and Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, the Hon. State Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

### AVENUES TO SUCCESS

There are three, and only three, avenues to success in this movement; Viz., a close study of SCOUTING FOR BOYS, AIDS TO SCOUTMASTERSHIP and the PATROL SYSTEM. Read these with a sincere effort to understand the spirit of the game and you will succeed.

## News from the State Headquarters

**Eighth Annual Meeting:** Was held on Saturday the 19th September 1959.

**Commissioners and Secretaries Conference:** Was held on Sunday the 20th September 1959,

**Inauguration of the 'Old Guides Guild':** Smt. A. Wahabuddin Ahamed, Joint National Organising Commissioner (Guides), inaugurated the Guild at the State Headquarters on 26th September 1959.

**Conference of Educational Officers:** A Conference of District Educational Officers and Heads of Institutions of Madras City was held on 30th September 1959, when Smt. Wahabuddin Ahamed, Joint National Organising Commissioner (Guides), had discussions with them on the development of Scouting and Guiding in the Educational Institutions.

**The Himalaya Wood Badge Parchment:** The Camp Chief (Scouts) India has issued to Sri L. Sreeraman, District Scout Organiser (District Board), Chingleput, the Cub Parchment No. 31 dated 30-6-1959.

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## Republic Day Rally and camp—15th January to 28th January 1960

### NEW DELHI

News has been received from the National Headquarters, New Delhi, that each State can send two Bharat Scouts and two Bharat Guides to participate in the Republic Day Rally on the 26th January 1960. A Registration Fee of Rs. 5/- will have to be paid by every Scout and Guide. Food expenses of Scouts and Guides joining the Rally will be borne by the National Headquarters. Expenses for travelling and site seeing will be borne by the individuals. One Scouter and one Guider may accompany the party but they will have to pay the Registration fee of Rs. 5/- and Rs. 30/- per head for their food expenses in the Camp. If you are a Bharat Scout or a Bharat Guide and have obtained the First Class Badge and have qualified for the Bharat Scout or Bharat Guide Badge as per the Rules No. 465 and 557 of the A.P.R.O., you may apply to the State Headquarters through your District Commissioner before the 30th November 1959.

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# Visit of Smt. A. WAHABUDDIN AHAMED

*Joint National Organising Commissioner (Guides) to Madras State*

25-9-1959 to 30-9-1959

## **Visits to Groups in Madras City :**

Visited the Guide Groups in Church Park Convent, Mount Road, Corporation Girls School, Nungambakkam. Gujarathi Girls School, Sowcarpet on 25-9-1959.

## **Visits to Groups in South Arcot Dt.**

Toured in South Arcot District on 28-9-1959 and visited the Guide Units in the following places :

Mahatma Gandhi Patasala at Villupuram, N. L. C. School, Neyveli, and Imaculate Heart of Mary's Convent, Pondicherry.

## **Guiding for handicapped :**

Visited the Guide Group at the Government School for the Blind, Poonamallee on 30-9-1959 and presented Proficiency Badges to various Guides.

## **Guiding and rehabilitation :**

Visited the Guide Unit at the Government Certified School, Kilpauk on 25-9-1959 and the Guide Unit at Stri Sadana at Santhome on 30-9-1959.

## **Conferences and contacts :**

Met Scouters, Guiders, Commissioners and others interested in the Movement in the following places :—

Guide Commissioners and Guiders of the Madras City at the State Headquarters on 26-9-1959.

Flock Leaders and Guide Captains at Cuddalore on 29-9-1959.

Heads of Institution and Correspondents at Cuddalore on 29-9-1959.

Educational Officers and Heads of Institutions at Madras on 30-9-1959.

## **Guide Rally and Bulbul Revel :**

Attended the Guide Rally and Bulbul Revel at St. Anne's Girls High School, at Cuddalore on 29-9-1959 when 140 Guides and 250 Bulbuls were present.

## **Visit to Camp Site :**

Visited the camp site at Tonakela, Avadi on 30-9-1959.

## **Old Guides Guild :**

Was inaugurated by Smt. Wahabuddin Ahamed, on 26-9-1959 at the State Headquarters.

## Blind Guides win Proficiency Badges

Smt. A. Karkare, Member of the World Bureau on her visit to the Guide Company in the Government School for the Blind, Poonamallee in July last was greatly impressed by the standard kept up by the Guides. She found some of the girls deserved the proficiency badges for the skillful and efficient work they were able to do.

On 30-9-59 Smt. A. Wahabuddin Ahmed, Joint National Organising Commissioner presented the following Proficiency Badges.

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| 1. Interpreter | — Kumari Meenakshi.  |
| 2. Knitter     | — Kumari Angel, Kumari Helen, Kumari Sironmani.                        |
| 3. Writer      | — Kumari Meenakshi.  |
| 4. Herbalist   | — Kumari Jayalakshmi, Kumari Radha Bai, Kumari Vedamani Kumari Salome. |

It is worth mentioning that Kumari Meenakshi who won the Interpreter's badge, translated Smt. Wahabuddin's speech into Tamil. Smt. Wahabuddin commended the good and steady work put in by the Guiders Kumari L. Gnanamanickam, and Kumari MacMontric.

## A Visit to your Troop by a Commissioner

Suppose you are a Scoutmaster and a Commissioner drops in at your troop meeting, what are the things he would look to judge whether you are running a good, bad or indifferent troop? What would be the visible signs that would enable the Commissioner to judge whether you are running a decent unit?

First he would look at the attendance. He would ask you how long you have been running. If you should say for two years, he would like to see what your attendance was in the light of two years' existence and in the light of the possibilities in the neighbourhood. If there was good attendance, he should be inclined to put a point down on the credit side of the sheet and if there was a poor attendance, a debit. You might give him all kinds of alibis but he would know if you are running a good Troop you would have a good attendance. You can't beat it. You can alibi and say all you want, but the good Troop gets the boys.

Then he would look around to see how many were in uniform. Perhaps you are like some Scouters he knows, who say, that some of the boys are poor, that the dhobi has failed to bring in the wash and usually the boys do not come in uniform unless for special occasions and that the boys never turn up all in uniform. He would like to see how many buttons are off, whether the remains of the previous hike such as Sambar or Curry were on their shirts and pants too. Oh, he could draw a lot of conclusions from Uniforms.

He would like then to see what badges the boys are wearing, how they are worn, and if they have progressed in the ladder of Scouting to any appreciable extent, when compared to the period they have been in Scouting.

He would also observe the activities of the Scouts, their cheerfulness, promptness, smartness, spontaneity and joy.

He would look around to see whether there was any evidence of Patrol activity out side of the fact that a Patrol Leader stepped out, and said "Eagles-all Present Sir" when half the "Eagles" were not there.

He would like to see what the general conduct and morale were, whether you could here yourself think at any time in the meeting, whether there was any semblance of order, discipline, purpose or plan.

More than anything else he will be interested in watching you, your uniform and badges, your smartness, the way you talk to Scouts and move with them and the enthusiasm and joy with which the Scouts respond to you.

The Commissioner himself may play a new game with your Scouts or give a new song or yell and at the end of it all give a talk which will certainly be encouraging to the young Scouts and the Scouters.

Finally before he departs he will draw you aside and talk over with you about the records you keep and have a look at them too, and give you some helpful suggestions to make scouting purposeful and enjoyable to one and all.

Scouters! do give a chance to Commissioners to visit your Groups and get all the encouragement possible.

"EAGLE"

## The Means and the End too

When I first ran a Troop I was very proud of myself, I had a lovely silk red shoulder knot (Silk, mark you. That will tell the initiated what sort of Scouter I was then) and was inordinately proud of my Acting Scoutmastership. I had what I thought was a grand Troop. We looked smart. We did all the things that Scouts should do. We won all the local "Pots" and rather fancied ourselves as a crack Troop.

One day I persuaded a neighbouring Scouter to come and judge an inter-patrol competition. He watched us going through our tricks and said kind things to the boys. Afterwards he walked home with me and suddenly said: "Just exactly what are you trying to make of those boys?" I stammered a bit and then with the cocks sureness of youth spluttered out something to the effect that I wanted them all to be smart and efficient and good Scouts. "Yes," he replied, "and then—?" I was silent. He was an old man. Privately, I had thought him much too old to be any good. A bit of a bore, too.

"No," he went on musingly, almost to himself, "John Wesley was a great man, but I doubt he could tie a rolling hitch. Schubert delighted a world, but knew no Morse or Semaphore. Shakespeare lives to-day, but he was lamentably ignorant of First Aid principles." Then he seemed to remember me and said more briskly: "My boy, look at it like this. Every time a new recruit joins your Troop, say to yourself, I have got three or perhaps four years to turn this boy into something. Into what? A first-class signaller? A good cook? No, deeper than that—to turn him into the sort of boy you would wish your own son to be or, since you are young yourself yet, the sort of boy you would like to be yourself if you could have your own life over again." I never forgot it. The wise old Scouter is still one of my best friends. A critic may say that he is sentimental. Perhaps so. I learnt the lesson. I realised for the first time that I had concentrated on the means and never thought about the end.

*(Running a troop)*

## PACHMARHI

### GILWELL OF INDIA

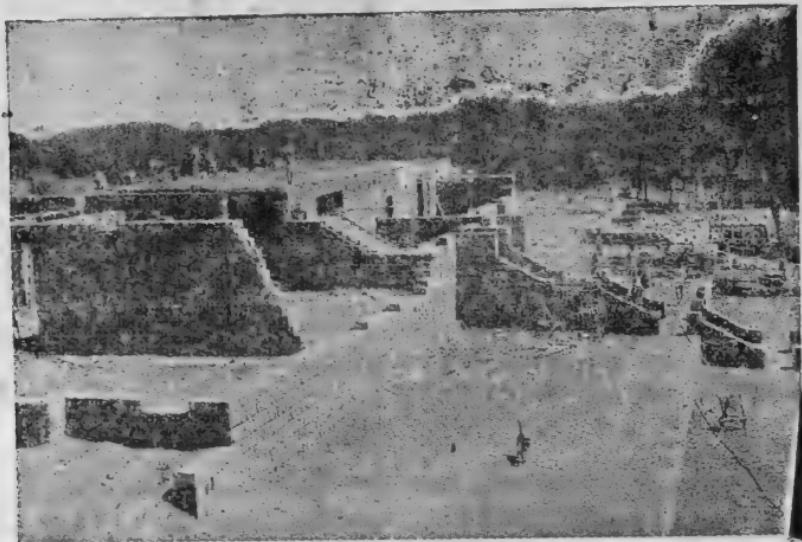
Pachmarhi, the National Training Centre, is an ideal place. It is as centrally situated as is geographically possible and offers many advantages in building, equipment and environment.

It is a small hill station, only 23 miles in area. But it holds a pride of place amongst the beauty spots and sanatoria in India. It enjoys a bracing and salubrious climate throughout the year, except from June to September, when there is heavy rain-fall amounting to 80 inches annually. The rains, however, are not unpleasant.

It will be difficult to discover a quiet place which can compare favourably with Pachmarhi in point of natural scenery, picturesque water-falls and springs, ancient rock-paintings and majestic peaks which stand like sentinels round the plateau.



There is a halo of romance and mythology, centred round Pachmarhi. It is believed that there are fine caves which were the residence of the five Pandava Brothers of Mahabharat fame and from which the name "Pachmarhi" has been derived.



Our National Training Centre is a lovely spot in a thickly wooded land, situated about 3 miles from Pachmarhi township. It is 47.84 acres in area, endowed with a rich and luxurious growth of huge and tall trees, wild plants and green shrubberies on the border of a deep forest. It is admirably suited for camping, hiking and other woodcraft practises. Bainganga stream winds its way through the centre.

It is gradually coming into form. Three buildings are to be constructed B. P. Memorial Bhawan, Seth Karodimal Bhawan and multi-purposes Hall. The Girl Guide Association (India) donated Rs. 68,000, Seth Karodimal Trust Rs. 51,000 and it is hoped that the Government of India will give a substantial grant to enable us to complete the project.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian Republic visited and declared the centre open on 10th September, 1956.

## District News

### POLUR

A Preliminary Training Course for Cubmasters was held at Kesavapuram Village in Polur Block in North Arcot District from 8-8-59 to 14-1-59 under the Orientation Training Scheme for village School Teachers. Sri M. Ram Mohan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief and Chief Organiser, Village Youth Leadership, Madras, was in charge of the Course ably assisted by Sri H. Krishnamurthi, Asst. District Commissioner, Tanjore and Scouters, K. Seshan and S. Audhikesavalu.

### MANNARGUDI

The Tilak Group of the National High School, Mannargudi did service on the Mahasamprokshanam Day of Rajagopalaswami Temple at Mannargudi on the 8th and 9th September, 1959. The Scouts assisted the Police in maintaining order and restoring the missing children to their parents.

### HOSUR

The Cubs, Scouts and Guides of the Board High School, Hosur, participated in the Independence Day celebrations in their locality on 15-8-1959.

The Cubs, and Scouts of the High School helped in the

Poor Feeding function organised by the devotees on the Venkataramaswami Hill on 29-8-1959.

### NILGIRIS

A Bulbul Flock was inaugurated at Adderly Estate 8 miles from Coonoor by Mrs. R. E. Maclaine Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides), on Monday the 24th August, 1959. Miss G. A. Woolcot, Manager and Correspondent of the School, Rev. J. S. Rayan and a large number of Estate men and women participated in the function.

### AVADI

The Majumdar Air Rover Crew, Air Force Station, Avadi, celebrated its 4th Anniversary on the 3rd October, 1959. The Patron, Wing Commander R. D. Malhotra, presided. The programme included camp Fire Entertainment, short plays, songs and dances. Flying Officer N. Raghavan, President of the Group Committee who read the Anniversary Report said that there were 45 active members and regular meetings were held during the year in which, First-Aid, Fire fighting and Scout craft were taught. The Crew also did service in the All India Motor Cycle Race at Sholapuram and also helped the Police in controlling the traffic. He also appreciated

the service rendered by Patron, Wing Commander, R. D. Malhotra, Adviser, Squadron Leader C. I. Nedungadi, Vice-President, Warrant Officer R. N. Ojha, Rover Scout Leader, V. K. S. Murthy, and other Rovers in the activities of the Crew. Vice-President Warrant Officer, R. N. Ojha proposed a vote of thanks.

### EAST MADRAS

A Sixers' Training Camp for two days was conducted on 27th and 30th September 1959 at Avadi. 33 young Cubs and 7 Scouters participated in the Camp. The Camp was in charge of Sri R. Elumalai, Assistant District Commissioner, (Cubs) assisted by Sri K. V. K. Acharlu. The Camp was visited by Dr. P. Vadhiraja Rao, Asst. District Commissioner, Dr. P. Seshagiri Rao, Badge Secretary, Mrs. Dora G. Slator and other parents of the Cubs.

A benefit dramatic performance by the Vivekananda Fine Arts Club in aid of the East Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides, was staged on Sunday the 27th September, 1959 at the Museum Theatre. Dr. V. S. Subramaniam, presided over the function. Sri S. Amudachari, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association welcomed the President and others present. Sri R. N. Vadivel, Secretary of the Association proposed a vote of thanks.

18 Rover Scouts did service at Sea on 2nd October 1959 in connection with the Mahalaya Amavasya, under the leadership of Sri A. C. Alavandar, District Rover Scout Leader.

### TIRUCHIRAPALLI

The Scouts of the N. C. B. Aryan Secondary School Tiruchirapalli celebrated Mahatma Gandhiji's Birth Day on 2nd October 1959. Eight of the Scouts of the School participated in the A.I.R. Special Programme on the same day.

### PATTUKOTTAI

A Cubmasters Training Course for the benefit of the Gramasevak Trainees of the Rural Extension Training Centre, at Pattukottai, was held at Tamariankottai, from 11th to 17th Sept. 59. 47 men underwent Training. The Camp was incharge of Sri M. Ram Mohan, Asst. Deputy Camp Chief, assisted by Scouters H. Krishnamurthi and Rover Scout S. Audhikesavalu.

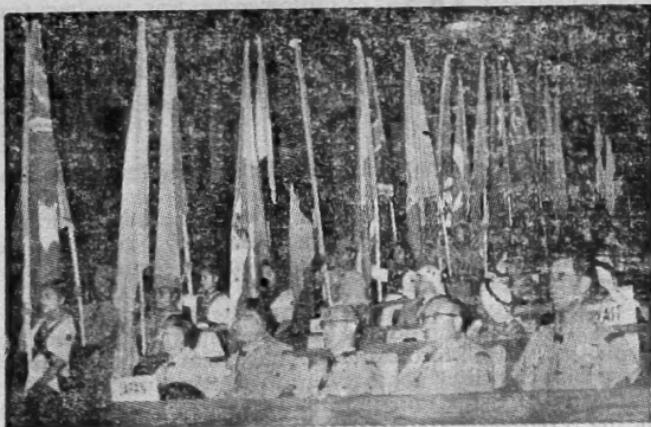
### NAGERCOIL

A Training Camp for Cubmasters under Orientation Training Scheme for Village School Teachers was held at Asaripallam, near Nagercoil from 23rd to 29th September 1959. 50 teachers underwent training. The Camp was incharge of Sri M. Ram Mohan, Asst. Deputy Camp Chief, assisted by Scouters, T. N. Bhuminathan and H. Krishna-murthi.

## 17th International Scout Conference Delhi

(By Sri Mohamed Nooruddin, District Commissioner (Scouts), Madras and Observer from Madras State)

*Continued from September 1959 issue.*



By Courtesy of

National Headquarters

Scouts and Guides with the flag of nations, slow marching through the gallery towards the dais at the

17th International Scout Conference—Delhi.

Dr. Arthur A. Schuck during the course of his address he said boys represent destiny. Civilization's progress in each generation had been directly related to the training of boys. Sometimes, this training had been such as to contribute to progress, peace, happiness and advancement of mankind. The world today presented a great challenge to adult generation everywhere. Through world Brotherhood, an unselfish interest in all peoples, the peaceful utilization of modern Science and invention, the fundamental objectives of civilized society, namely, freedom and happiness for all people could be achieved. The programme of Scouting, therefore, must be recognised, he continued, not just a good thing for boys but an essential programme in its relationship to the onward march of mankind. Dr. Schuck said that we should be leaders of youth in our respective countries. But to serve youth we must understand youth. We must train our boys in huge numbers, through Scouting, in self-reliance, integrity, morality, honour and spirituality that would strengthen our nations. We should stimulate world-brotherhood, the freedom of mankind, the peace of the world through participation in all activities that would promote these ideas and ideals among the youth of the world.

3. On 1st August, Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of Commonwealth, delivered a thought-provoking address on "The Leader". He said that leadership had existed and had been recognised from the earliest days of human history. Each generation had produced great men who had led their people and whose names were still familiar today. A true leader always had a share of idealism in his make-up and an unselfish goal before his eyes.

The more deeply we studied the question of Leadership, the more clearly did it appear that a period of Followership was the best training for the leadership. The man who had not learned to discipline himself was not likely to be able to inspire discipline in others. B.P. was a born leader, he said, and yet under the strict discipline of his brothers he learned first to be a follower. The discipline initially imposed by his family was soon to be self-imposed.

Lord Rowallan dealt upon the essential qualities of the Leader. He said they were almost all to be found in the Scout Laws:- "The lad must know that their leader will not let them down, that he is sincere in all he does and says Honour; Not only is the Leader loyal to those over but also to those under him. They must know that he will fight their battles for them and with them and be just and fair in all his dealings (Loyalty). He must always be willing to give a word of encouragement and should not ask them to do what he is unwilling to do himself, but help to train them both physically and spiritually (Helpfullness); He must treat them as individuals, not as a group, so that they may approach him with their problems (Brotherhood). He must be ready to listen and in listening, have patience, sympathy and understanding (Courtesy); He must make them feel that if he gives an order he must have a good and unselfish reason for doing so (Obedience); In the darkest hour, the leader must remain calm and cheerful if morale is to be maintained. A cheerful word or a joke can be as Infectious as 'Flu' (Cheerfulness); Not only should he be vigilant in the case of equipment but in the lives and resources of the led (Thrift); He should be clean in his personal appearance and in his way of life. The led will always respect, love and trust a leader who sets them a good example in these respects (Cleanliness).

There was one more quality, Lord Rowallan said. Some people call it Modesty. But he would prefer to call it Humility. Modesty is the outward and visible sign, whereas Humility is the inward and spiritual grace. All great leaders are essentially humble in their personal approach to their problems. Any man who displayed these qualities, would be a leader provided they are combined with a certain amount of commonsense and ability. Great many leaders, in every walk of life, have expressed that they first learned the privilege and the burden of leadership as Patrol Leaders in a Scout Troop.

Finally, Lord Rowallan pointed out that it was the Commissioner's job to lead the team of leaders in his district or area and to obtain for them the facilities they needed to carry on their work of training the boys. So, he was of opinion that, when first appointed, the Commissioners need not be experts but they must be men who, whether they had been Scouts or not, should live their lives in accordance with the Scout ideals.

4. The last keynote was on "The Scout Ideal" by Mr. H. de Rham, Chief Scout of Switzerland.

### Conclusion

From ancient times in this country, before a new venture was taken up, blessings from good ladies were sought and when the blessings were

obtained, the venture proved to be successful. Mrs. Lakshmi Mazumdar, who has faith in the Movement, took up the ardent task to see that the Conference invited by the Bharat Scouts and Guides was a success. She and her colleagues did their best to see that the guests were comfortable and happy and all facilities were provided for the success of the Conference. Hearty congratulations to Mrs. Mazumdar and her band of workers.

All those who attended the Conference were happy to meet Brother Scouts from different parts of the world. B.P had suggested some Broad Principles to help boys and girls to become Better Persons who will spread the message of Brotherhood and Peace in the world and I am sure all those who attended this Conference left with some determinations to see that the Founder's message of Brotherhood and Peace was spread throughout the whole world to make people happy, healthy and useful.

A scarf and an ivory woggle to every delegate and observers and a small shield to every country present was given as a token of affection and friendship by the Bharat Scouts and Guides, India.

The next Conference will be held in 1961 at Lisbon, Portugal.

## STATE HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

### Warrants Renewed for the year 1959-60

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#### DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

#### GUIDES

Warrant No. & Date	Name	District
7/ 7-12-51	Miss. L. Vedanayakam	Madras West
20/25- 6-53	Mrs. Ahalya Santanam	Madras East
21/17- 9-53	Mrs. Lily Charles	Tiruchirapalli
22/ 2-11-53	Mrs. Indira Nagarajan	East and West Tanjore
29/19-11-54	Mrs. R. Seetalakshmi	Salem
30/29-11-54	Miss. Grace Solomon	Chingleput
34/13- 7-56	Mrs. R. E. Maclaine Clarke	Nilgiris
36/13- 7-56	Mrs. T. Varughese	Ramnad
37/20- 2-57	Miss. G. Pakenham Walsh	Tirunelveli
38/ 7- 9-57	Mrs. T. S. Kunjitham	Madras Corporation
40/14-11-57	Mrs. H. Newman	Madras South
41/27-11-57	Miss A. H. Daniel	Kanyakumari
42/24-10-58	Mrs. T. Krishnaraj	Arcot South
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63/21- 2-58	Miss. K. T. Seshammal	Salem
64/11- 3-58	Mrs. Aurora Raja Pandian	Tuticorin
65/11- 3-58	Miss. T. Shanmugam	Palayamkottai
66/11- 3-58	Mrs. Hemalatha Bhaskar	Hosur
67/ 3-12 58	Mrs. L. D. Keith	Madras North
68/11-12-58	Mrs. M. Parvathi	Kumbakonam